

THE DAILY STAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE CITY.

For the next twenty-four hours probably continued clear and cold weather, with further decrease of temperature.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

FRIDAY!
The counsel for Egner have filed their motion for a new trial.

From the count of votes as far as made there can be little doubt of Birnbaum's election.

And now the City Engineer finds that the Gas Company has no contract with the city for the gas lamps.

Two young men named Burns and Harris stole two chickens from Mr. Holt, the grocer, on Pearl street, yesterday, and they pay to the city \$25 and costs each.

A. H. Cox, engineer of the No. 2 Engine Company, is suspended for using improper and unbecomingly language to a brother fireman.

The Social Star lights twinkled yesterday evening at the residence of Chas. Crocker, 622 East Front street. A lively time was had, and the Stars only disappeared in the wee small hours of the morning.

The young man named Holloway, of Lexington, Ky., who was arrested recently for disposing of some silverware, has been released and sent home. He has formerly been an inmate of the Lunatic Asylum.

WASHINGTON ENCAGEMENT No. 9, I. O. O. F. elected officers last night. C. F. C. De Rutter, S. W. H. W. Anderson, J. W. G. W. Anderson, Scribe, H. C. Powers; Treasurer, John H. Lawrence; H. P. George Borchers; Representative to Grand Encampment, David Baker. The members of this Encampment will pay a visit to Walnut Hill for Encampment next Thursday evening.

JACOB BIERBAUM, a greasy-looking man, who lives near the Brighton House, was caught by Officer Seibel at 8 o'clock last night coming out of Killmeyer's saloon cellar, at No. 103 West Third street. He had broken the lock of the cellar door, entered and secured a lot of liquor, placed them in a sack, and hearing a noise that scared him, left the sack and all on the stairs. At his hearing this morning he was bound over to the Grand Jury in the sum of \$1,000, to answer the charge of burglary.

The special committee on the gas business met last night, and will report to Council this evening resolutions that the city do all the lighting, extinguishing and repairs, instead of the Gas Company; that the city erect its own posts, and that no main be laid in any alley, lane or public place, without a permit from Council. It will also recommend the purchase of a photometer to test the quality, and a meter to test the quantity of the gas furnished the city.

At a meeting of the Joint Committee on Law and Contract, yesterday evening, the compromise street-railroad ordinance was taken up. Col. A. D. Bullock, who was present, on being asked to give his views, stated that the ordinance was intended to quiet present litigation. The Consolidated Street Railroad Company was willing to cut the East and West End line in two at Walnut street, charging one fare from East Station to Walnut street, and one fare from Walnut street to Sportsman's Hall. This would accommodate the people of the East End. The company was also willing to give transfer tickets on Route No. 9, that would take passengers from East Station to the Suspension Bridge, the transfer being made at Fifth and Vine streets. The Pendleton line had run cars through to Sportsman's Hall for the term of twenty-two months at single fare, and had lost \$30,000 per year by that policy. When the rate of 4 cents cash fare was enforced on Route No. 9, it was found that they were losing money on both routes, and so through fare on the Pendleton line was doubled. He stated in answer to an inquiry, that the consolidated Street R. R. Company owned the city for car license, \$2,500. Solicitor Strong claims that the amount due is \$21,000. The compromise ordinance was made the special order for the next meeting of the committee.

The Polar Wave.

A sharp wintry wave is just sweeping over this locality. From noon yesterday to this morning, the thermometer fell about 25 degrees, standing at 6 o'clock, only 12 above zero. At St. Louis the mercury is at zero, while in Chicago it is one degree below. St. Paul, Minn., is enjoying a freshness of 11 degrees below zero, while the people of Yankton go ten colder than even this. That point, this morning, happens to be the coldest reported. Denver, Colorado, is blessed with fair weather, and thermometer 23 above zero. This state of the mercury shows that the present cold spell will be of short duration, that it will begin to get warm here to-morrow afternoon, and that the ladies may look for a pleasant Sunday.

The Ladies' Union Aid Society.

The following contributions to the Ladies' Union Aid Society have not been published before. The committee of ladies who have been distributing the money entrusted to them by these friends of the poor, are thankful that they have been able to assist even a small number of deserving and suffering people, chiefly the family of soldiers, in whom they became interested while distributing for seven years a part of the monetary Commission money that was left after the war: Proctor & Gamble, \$100; Wm. H. Wood, \$100; Peter Andries, \$50; Mrs. O. Allen, \$20; Mrs. George Rooley, \$20; Mrs. Wm. Sumner, \$10; Mrs. Anne Ryland, \$10; Mrs. H. C. Whitcomb, \$10; Mrs. Wm. H. H. \$10; Mrs. Chas. Graham, \$10; Miss Eliza D. Wilder, \$10; Miss M. L. Harrison, \$10; Miss Laura Wiggin, \$10; Mrs. A. H. Lewis, \$5; Mrs. L. H. Slade, \$5; Mrs. A. B. Byders, \$5; Mrs. Wm. H. Sampson, \$5; Mrs. Joshua Bates, \$5; Miss Lizzie Allen, \$5; a friend, \$5; Gould & Pearce, 3 sales of baking; Barbour, Steadman & Co., 2 pieces of calico.

A Pastor Surprised.

The members and friends of the Welsh Congregational Church, on Lawrence street, visited their pastor's residence on Wednesday evening, the 15th instant, and presented him and his family with valuable and substantial tokens of their esteem and affection. After enjoying a sumptuous supper, provided by the ladies, and a brief social chat, Brother Griffith and lady, together with their children, were conducted to a table upon which was displayed a splendid set of glass service containing eleven different articles, beside tea and sugar spoons. Mr. James T. Griffith, one of the deacons of the church, then came forward, and in behalf of the donors, in a few pithy and

appropriate remarks, presented them to the pastor. Brother Griffith attempted to speak the gratitude which he felt, but asked to be excused until a future opportunity, as his heart was too full for utterance. It was, indeed, a genuine surprise, and a truly pleasurable occurrence.

Fire Commissioners' Retrenchment.

At the regular semi-monthly meeting, held yesterday evening, Commissioner Thompson, with Chief Magistrate and Secretary Kelly, to whom had been referred the matter of retrenchment, in so far as cutting down salaries of the members of the department was concerned, made a report, which was unanimously adopted.

The report states that the amount of salaries paid during the year 1875 amounted to \$163,373 75. The proposed salaries for 1876 will amount to \$141,600, thereby securing a reduction of \$21,773 75. It is therefore highly probable that after the department has been run for five or six months under the scale of salaries adopted, the Commission will be obliged to discontinue a number of the companies.

We give below a table of present salaries, and the sum to which it is proposed to reduce them:

	Present Salary	Salary for '76
Chief Engineer, per annum	\$3,500	\$3,000
Two Assistant Chief Engineers, per annum	2,100	1,800
Secretary, per annum	1,500	1,500
Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph, per month	135	110
Three telegraph operators, per month	100	80
Thirteen captains of city companies, per month	100	90
Thirteen engine drivers of city companies, per month	115	100
Twenty-six drivers, per month	90	80
Twenty-six pipemen, per month	90	80
Thirteen stokers, per month	80	75
Five "outside" captains, per month	90	80
Five "outside" engineers, per month	100	90
Company No. 15, one man, per month	75	70
Six hook and ladder men, Companies 1 and 2, per month	90	80
Company No. 20, captain, per month	100	90
Company No. 20, driver, per month	90	80
Fuel Company No. 1, one man, per month	90	80

Mr. Smith objected to making a discrimination between the salaries of city and suburban companies, but did not press the matter.

The Commission then adjourned.

The French Grievances.

(From L'Avenir National, French Government organ.)

Our press teems with accounts of the atrocities committed upon French citizens in Cuba. Said victims are becoming so numerous of late that a unanimous pressure is being brought to bear upon the Versailles Chamber, to take such measures to abate the evil, in concert with the Washington Cabinet. The American press has recounted not only the unjustifiable murder of Monsieur Reigand, but those of a dozen more French subjects by Valmaseda's regulars, though no mention has been made of similar outrages committed in Porto Rico. A letter from St. Thomas, dated Oct. 29, to Le XIXe Siecle, cites the names of the Frenchmen who have been imprisoned arbitrarily and executed by the Spanish authorities. It is therefore evident that neither the lives nor the property of either Europeans or Americans are safe in the Spanish Colonies. Both England and France are anxious as to the United States to bring such a state of things to a close through their combined efforts. It is a matter in which every civilized country has a stake, because such conflicting situation affects all alike. The only source of comfort Spain is sure to have in the pressure brought to bear upon her will be afforded by Germany, which power is known to be negotiating for the acquisition of St. Thomas from Denmark, in exchange for Schleswig conquered by that power from the latter a few years since. This is confirmed by recent revelations from authoritative high quarters and the presence of a strong navy in the harbor of Copenhagen. Bismarck for some time past, evidently studying the coveted naval station in the West Indies. The German frigate arrived thither on Nov. 29 to relieve her sister ship, the Augusta, ordered home. It is intimated in some quarters worthy of credit that ambitious plans of Bismarck are likely to create complications, yet, as we looked for, should President Grant institute a vigorous enforcement of the Monroe doctrine in solving both the Cuban question and forestalling Germany's prospects for the acquisition of territory in the New World.

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